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**Subject: Plainwell Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan
July- August 2007 Progress Report**

Dear Sam:

As required by Task 8, *Progress Reports*, in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell Inc., Mill Property, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from July 21, through August 22, 2007, for the above-referenced site.

Please call me, at (253) 924-3746, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Weyerhaeuser Company

Jennifer Hale

Environmental Manager

Attachment

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Progress Report No. 12
July 21, 2007, Through August 22, 2007

Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan

This progress report is being submitted in accordance with Task 8, *Progress Reports*, and the *Schedule for Major Deliverables* contained in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property.

1. Summary of Work Performed During the Current Reporting Period:

- On July 16, Weyerhaeuser submitted to the U.S. EPA and the MDEQ, a revised project memorandum outlining the scope of work and Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) for a field reconnaissance and design investigation of the Kalamazoo River banks along the former Plainwell Mill property. The revised project memorandum addressed the U.S. EPA's July 13 comments on the initial draft.
- In an e-mail to Weyerhaeuser on July 16, the U.S. EPA gave Weyerhaeuser authorization to proceed with the field work proposed in Weyerhaeuser's July 16 project memorandum outlining the scope of work and DQOs for a field reconnaissance and design investigation of the river banks along the former Plainwell Mill property.
- The field reconnaissance and design investigation of the river banks along the former Plainwell Mill property was conducted during the period of July 17 through July 20. A summary of the work completed is provided under Item #2.
- In a letter dated July 20, the U.S. EPA provided comments on the July 16 revised project memorandum outlining the scope of work and DQOs for a field reconnaissance and design investigation of the river banks along the former Plainwell Mill property.
- In a letter dated July 24, the U.S. EPA provided comments and conditional approval of the Multi-Area QAPP that had been submitted to the U.S. EPA on June 21.
- In a letter dated August 3, Weyerhaeuser responded to the U.S. EPA's July 24 comments on the Multi-Area QAPP.
- On August 9, Weyerhaeuser and the City met to discuss the City's "Concept Plan" for redevelopment of the former mill property, and integration of a Plan with the RI/FS process.
- On August 14, Weyerhaeuser submitted to the U.S. EPA, the MDEQ, and the City a conceptual design approach for an emergency action of the banks along the former Plainwell Mill property, based on the information obtained during the field reconnaissance and design investigation.
- On August 16, Weyerhaeuser provided the City with the electronic file for the aerial topographic survey of the former Plainwell Mill property that was conducted in 2005.
- On August 22, Weyerhaeuser submitted to the U.S. EPA and the MDEQ the final project memorandum outlining the scope of work and DQOs for a field reconnaissance and design investigation of the river banks along the Plainwell Mill. The final project memorandum addressed the agencies' July 20 comments on the July 16 version of this document.

- During the reporting period, Weyerhaeuser began development of new and/or revised worksheets for the Multi-Area QAPP, as needed to support the Emergency Action for the banks of the former Plainwell Mill property.
 - During the reporting period, Weyerhaeuser began development of a design report for an emergency action of the banks along the former Plainwell Mill property.
2. Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:
 - The field reconnaissance and design investigation of the river banks along the former Plainwell Mill property was conducted during the period of July 17 through July 20. Visual observations were made at approximately 35 hand auger locations in the flood plain and along the banks, 12 sediment cores in near-bank locations, and 12 soil borings at the top of the banks. No samples were submitted for laboratory analysis.
 3. Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):
 - No activities were undertaken during the current reporting period, and none are anticipated during the next period.
 4. Summary of Any Modifications to the Work Plans or Other Schedules Proposed To, or Approved By, the U.S. EPA:
 - None.
 5. Summary of Problems Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:
 - None.
 6. Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period:
 - Weyerhaeuser plans to submit new and/or revised worksheets for the Multi-Area QAPP, as needed to support the Emergency Action for the banks of the former Plainwell Mill property.
 - Weyerhaeuser plans to submit a design report for an emergency action on the banks along the former Plainwell Mill property.
 - Weyerhaeuser plans to continue discussions with the City regarding the City's "Concept Plan" for redevelopment of the former Plainwell Mill property, and to develop a joint approach for continuation of the integrated process (e.g., sequencing of activities and schedule) for discussion with the U.S. EPA in late September.
 7. Anticipated Problems Associated with Work During the Next Period:
 - None.
 8. Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:
 - None are needed.
 9. Other Relevant Information:
 - None.